



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 1, 2006

### **S. 997**

### **Montana Cemetery Act of 2005**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on May 24, 2006*

S. 997 would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Elkhorn Cemetery to Jefferson County, Montana. CBO estimates that enacting S. 997 would have no significant impact on the federal budget and would not affect revenues or direct spending.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

Under S. 997, the Forest Service would convey to Jefferson County, for no consideration, about 10 acres of land in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. Based on the cost of similar conveyances, we estimate that the agency would spend less than \$50,000 in 2007 to complete the proposed conveyance, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. The land to be conveyed under S. 997 is already used by Jefferson County as a cemetery and currently generates no offsetting receipts that would be forgone if the bill is enacted.

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